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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains an update on the State Budget including information on a proposal to extend the life of redevelopment projects, a pursuit of a County position on a State Budget item regarding reductions to court security funding, the status of a County-advocacy bill, information on a bill of County interest relating to a proposed hospital provider fee, and a roster containing the status of all bills with a County-advocacy position.

### State Budget Update

The State Budget stalemate continues in Sacramento as Governor Schwarzenegger and the four Legislative Leaders, known as the Big Five, have not been able to reach an agreement to address the estimated \$26.3 billion deficit. The Big Five were scheduled to resume negotiations on Monday; however, Assembly Speaker Karen Bass boycotted the meeting and has indicated that she may not participate in future meetings unless the Governor stops putting things on the table unrelated to the budget. Speaker Bass has expressed serious concerns about some of the Governor's latest reform proposals which would require deeper reductions to various health and human services programs.

Both houses held brief sessions on Monday to handle procedural matters, but no action on the State Budget was taken.

### New Proposal to Shift Funds from Redevelopment Agencies

The Governor's May Revision proposed to statutorily fix the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) shift of \$350 million from Redevelopment Agencies (RDAs)

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to reduce the State General Fund obligation to fund schools by an equal amount. The ERAF shift was adopted as part of the FY 2008-09 State Budget Act but it was contested in court. On June 15, 2009, the Conference Committee adopted trailer bill language to shift the funds and further recommended to extend the FY 2008-09 ERAF shift for two additional years, bringing the total shift to \$1.05 billion over a three year period. This proposal is currently stalled because of the State Budget stalemate.

However, according to the Sacramento advocates, another proposal is being considered which would allow a one year extension on all redevelopment projects Statewide without having to make a finding of blight. It is reported that this extension to RDAs would be in exchange for an estimated \$1.3 billion transfer of property taxes to fund schools, and an additional \$350 million from the extension of the FY 2008-09 ERAF shift to FY 2009-10 bringing the estimated shift to schools to \$1.65 billion. The Sacramento advocates further indicate that there are rumors circulating that the proposed RDA extensions could be longer, in some cases 10 years to 30 years.

While this proposal is still in the rumor stage and no trailer bill language is available, if approved, it would have serious financial implications for the County in future years. We will continue to closely monitor it and will work with the affected County departments to assess the potential impact on the County.

#### **Pursuit of County Position on a State Budget Item**

As reported in the June 29, 2009 Sacramento Update, **ABX3 37 (Evans)** was the State Budget trailer bill which would have imposed reductions on Superior Courts, Corrections and the Department of Justice. Although ABX3 37 died in the Senate, according to the author's staff similar language is likely to be amended into another vehicle to be considered as part of the Fourth Extraordinary Session declared by the Governor on July 1, 2009.

ABX3 37 would have allowed the courts to close one day a month in FY 2009-10 and would have limited reimbursement to counties for deputy sheriff court security costs to that of a mid-range deputy in a county, not including overtime pay. It also would have required the courts to renegotiate a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a sheriff or county to reduce the compensation provided because of the reduction in the need for security services that would result from the closure of the courts. Additionally, the measure would have eliminated reimbursement for costs associated with providing retiree health benefits for court security personnel.

The Sheriff's Department indicates that the proposal to require renegotiation of an MOU would impose significant costs on the County, and it would provide very little incentive for local courts to work with sheriffs and boards of supervisors. Further, the existing

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MOU between the County and the Superior Court requires retiree health benefit costs to be reimbursed to the County. The Sheriff's Department estimates that the reduction in reimbursements related to the proposed court closure would result in a loss of \$8 million, and the elimination of the reimbursement for retiree health benefit costs would result in a loss of \$4.6 million.

Opposition to these provisions of ABX3 37 is consistent with existing Board policy to oppose legislation that would transfer to the County any costs or revenue losses incurred by another jurisdiction and the existing negotiated MOU between the County and the Superior Court. **Therefore, the Sacramento advocates will oppose any measures which include the provisions contained in ABX3 37 unless amended to eliminate the requirements to renegotiate the County's MOU with the Superior Court, reduce reimbursement to the County for court security services, and eliminate the reimbursement of retiree health benefit costs.**

#### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-supported and amended AB 410 (De La Torre)**, which would provide that \$5 million from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) shall be made available to the Department of Water Resources for allocation, consistent with specified provisions of the act, to specified regions for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans consistent with the recycled water policy of the State Water Resources Control Board, was amended on June 26, 2009.

The June 26, 2009 amendments would: 1) delete the \$5 million appropriation for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans; 2) change the source of funding for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans from the \$100 million in Proposition 84 for the Inter-regional/unallocated funding category to the \$1 billion available in Proposition 84 for all hydrologic regions; 3) require the Department of Water Resources, in providing grants to those hydrologic regions, to give additional consideration to proposals for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans; and 4) increase the Statewide recycled water goal from 1.3 million acre-feet of water to 1.525 million acre-feet of water per year by 2020, and from 2 million acre-feet of water to 2.525 million acre-feet of water per year by 2030.

As amended, AB 410 is still consistent with existing policy to: 1) to encourage water conservation and increase the efficiency of water use; 2) increase the use of recycled water within Los Angeles County; and 3) support funding for the design and construction of a recycled water system for the Antelope Valley to reduce reliance on imported water and improve water supply reliability. Therefore, the Sacramento advocates will continue to support AB 410, and request that it be amended to appropriate \$20 million from the \$100 million available for the Inter-regional/unallocated

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funding category for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans. AB 410 is currently in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee awaiting a hearing date.

**Legislation of County Interest**

**AB 1383 (Jones)**, as amended July 1, 2009, would impose a hospital provider fee, except on designated public hospitals, to provide increased Medi-Cal reimbursement to both public and private hospitals. It would require the State Department of Health Care Services to seek a Medicaid State plan amendment from the Federal government to implement a supplemental payment system for hospitals, and to obtain any other Federal approvals and waivers necessary to obtain the maximum Federal financial participation. The California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems supports the bill and has been working with the author and sponsors regarding the effect of the fee proposal on the current and next Medi-Cal waiver and on public hospitals. AB 1383 will be heard today in the Senate Health Committee.

**Master Bill List**

A roster containing the status of all bills with a County-advocacy position is attached.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Coalition of County Unions  
California Contract Cities Association  
Independent Cities Association  
League of California Cities  
City Managers Associations  
Buddy Program Participants

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY  
2009-10 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

These are bills we are pursuing in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 12	Beall, Bass	Support in concept (Board Action: 3/17/09)	Would allow California to implement the State option to use Federal Title IV-E funds to extend foster care and Kin-GAP services to youth up to 21 years of age as provided under H.R. 6893, the Federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 23	Jones	No Position (State Update: 3/31/09)	NOW: Was amended on March 19, 2009, to delete the Medi-Cal provisions. The bill now proposes to require health plans, employers, and insurers to notify beneficiaries that H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, enhanced the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) to provide Federal funds to pay 65 percent of the COBRA premium for eligible persons enrolled in a group health insurance plan who lose their job between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. Under current law, COBRA-eligible employees must pay the full amount of the premium to retain enrollment in a health care plan offered by a former employer.	Chapter 3 of 2009
			PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed current State law, which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children and reinstitute 12-month continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age. This change is necessary to ensure that the State qualifies to receive the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. AB 23, SBX3 26, and SB 337 have been introduced as potential vehicles to repeal the semi-annual reporting requirement in order for the State to be eligible to receive additional FMAP funding.	
		Support (State Update: 3/6/09)	Would prohibit a store from providing a single-use carryout bag, including a green carryout bag, to a customer unless the store charges a fee not less than \$0.25 at the point of sale and exempts certain customers from paying the fee. Would also establish the Bag Pollution Fund in the State Treasury and requires the manufacturer of a single-use carryout bag to develop educational materials to encourage reducing, reusing, and recycling of single-use bags.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 87	Davis	County-sponsored	Would establish a pilot program in Alameda, Los Angeles, and Sacramento Counties to require the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device on any vehicle owned or operated by a person convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), for a term ranging from five months for a first time offense to 36 months for fourth or subsequent violation.	Senate Public Safety
AB 91	Feuer	Support (Board Action: 6/25/09)	Would establish a pilot program in Alameda, Los Angeles, and Sacramento Counties to require the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device on any vehicle owned or operated by a person convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), for a term ranging from five months for a first time offense to 36 months for fourth or subsequent violation.	Senate Public Safety

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AB 128	Coto	Opposed (State Update: 2/20/09)	Would extend the period after termination of employment that a retired public safety officer could file a workers' compensation claim for cancer and be entitled to a legal presumption that the cancer is job related. The presumption, which is currently three months for each year of service, would be extended to one year for each year of service. Existing law caps the presumption period at five years; AB 128 would remove this cap.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 139	Brownley	County-sponsored	Would authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to implement storm water fees upon voter approval, consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218 of 2006, to fund clean water programs.	Assembly Local Government
AB 215	Feuer, Smyth	Support (Board Action: 2/17/09)	Would require a long-term health care facility to post the overall facility rating information determined by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, including the number of stars assigned to the facility out of a possible five stars. The overall Five Star Quality Rating is comprised of scores for health inspections, staffing, and how well the facility is caring for the physical and clinical needs of residents. The information would be required to be posted in an area accessible and visible to members of the public; the employee break room; and in common areas used by residents for dining, resident council meetings, or other activities.	Senate Floor
AB 221	Portantino	Support (State Update: 5/11/09)	Would permit an HIV counselor to perform skin punctures for the purpose of drawing blood for HIV testing, when authorized by a licensed physician, if the counselor: 1) works under the direction of a licensed physician; and 2) has been trained in accordance with the requirements established by SDPH by a licensed physician, clinical laboratory scientist, or bioanalyst. AB 221 would exempt an HIV counselor from the requirement that an unlicensed person performing skin punctures must be a certified Limited Phlebotomy Technician. Urgency Measure	Senate Health
AB 222	Adams, Ma	Support (State Update: 6/18/09)	Would allow facilities that convert solid waste into energy or marketable products to count as a renewable electricity generation facility for the purpose of California's Renewable Portfolio Standards and allow local governments to count solid waste that is converted into electricity or marketable products toward their recycling diversion goals.	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications

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AB 286	Salas, Jones	Support (State Update: 4/21/09)	Would extend until 2018 the authority for counties to impose an additional \$1.00 vehicle registration fee to be used for anti-vehicle theft programs. It also would add additional reporting requirements for those counties that adopt a resolution to impose the fee. Counties would be required to provide details of expenditures, including salaries and expenses, purchase of equipment and supplies, and any other expenditures to support the program.	Senate Transportation and Housing
AB 311	Ma	Support (State Update: 4/30/09)	Would extend the current assessment methodology for the valuation of certificated aircraft for property tax purposes from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2015. The current methodology was established by AB 964 of 2005 (Chapter 699). AB 964 codified an agreement between county assessors and the airline industry on the valuation of certificated aircraft. It established the Centralized Fleet Calculation Program, which ensured a uniform Statewide assessment of certificated aircraft by designating a lead county to calculate an airline's fleet value based on an agreed upon methodology.	Senate Revenue and Taxation
AB 383	Lieu	Support (State Update: 4/7/09)	Would extend the statute of limitations for the testing of biological evidence in sex crime cases from two years to five years from the date of the offense.	Senate Public Safety
AB 410	De La Torre	Position Under Review	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to eliminate the \$5 million allocation and instead requires the Department of Water Resources, providing grants to those hydrologic regions to give additional consideration to proposals for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans consistent with the recycled water policy of the State Water Resources Control Board and increase the recycled water goals.	Senate Environmental Quality
AB 421	Beall	Support (State Update: 4/7/09)	Would: 1) allocate \$5 million of the \$100 million available for multi-regional water needs from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans consistent with the recycled water policy of the State Water Resources Control Board; 2) set a Statewide goal to recycle a total of 1.3 million acre-feet of water annually by the year 2020, and 2 million acre-feet of water per year by 2030; and 3) require DWR to assess progress toward meeting the recycled water goal every five years based on information provided in urban water management plans.	Assembly Appropriations

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AB 521	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would authorize a public utility to lease real property, acquired to obtain a utility right-of-way, to a governmental entity to maintain a public park, with the public utility retaining a right-of-way easement.	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications
AB 548	Krekorian	Support (State Update: 6/29/09)	Would reform the mandated claims reimbursement process by requiring the State Controller to initiate an audit of a local mandate claim within four years from the time the claim was filed. Under existing law, an audit must be initiated within three years from the time the reimbursement payment on the claim was made by the State.	Senate Local Government
AB 613	Beall	Support (State Update: 4/23/09)	Would improve and streamline the Treatment Authorization Request process, which refers to the approval by a State Department of Health Care Services consultant required prior to the rendering of Medi-Cal Program services, based on a determination of medical necessity and Medi-Cal Program coverage.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 664	Skinner	Oppose (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would expand the presumption of job-related injury to cover all hospital employees for blood-borne infectious disease, Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus and all neck and back injuries. This presumption would exist if the impairment develops or manifests itself during the period of employment with the hospital.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 682	B. Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would instruct the State Department of Health Care Services to dedicate an unspecified number of State staff to evaluate State and County implementation of In-Home Supportive Services Program quality assurance and fraud mitigation requirements in existing law, as well as to assess the extent and nature of the fraud currently detected.	Senate Appropriations
AB 719	B. Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 4/11/09)	Would require the California Department of Social Services to create the Transitional Food Stamps for Foster Youth Program by July 1, 2010. Under AB 719, foster youth who are not eligible for CalWORKS or Supplemental Security Income would be automatically eligible to a 12-month Transitional Food Stamp benefits when they leave foster care. These youth would be exempt from any quarterly or semi-annual reporting requirements and from the fingerprint requirement during the 12-month Transitional Food Stamp certification period. The Department of Public Social Services would be responsible for administering the program.	Senate Appropriations

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AB 853	Arambla	Oppose (State Update: 5/21/09)	Would eliminate local control over the annexation process for unincorporated fringe or island communities by requiring a board of supervisors to petition the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to approve the annexation of a fringe or island community to a city, and require LAFCO to approve the annexation if certain requirements are met.	Senate Local Government Appropriations Assembly
AB 923	Swanson	Support (State Update: 5/21/09)	Would add Board of Equalization members, zoo veterinarians, employees of certain animal control shelters, and local government code enforcement officers to the list of peace officers and other public officials who may request the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide enhanced confidentiality to their home addresses. The bill defines a code enforcement officer as a local official responsible for enforcing housing codes and maintaining public safety in buildings, and a public health officer as one with the authority to arrest persons for violation of a statute or ordinance.	Senate Judiciary
AB 1048	Torrico	Oppose (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would: 1) raise the age at which a minor child can be surrendered from 72 hours or younger, to 30 days; 2) allow a local fire agency to designate safe surrender sites with the approval of the local governing body of the agency; 3) specify that persons at a safe surrender site have no liability prior to taking physical custody of a child; 4) require the California Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup to develop and disseminate regulations to clarify rules with respect to a mother who gives up her baby in a hospital, the definition of a safely surrendered baby, and parental information provided to, and received by counties; and 5) fund activities required by AB 1048 using State Children's Trust Fund and California Children and Families Proposition 10 Commission Funds.	Senate Judiciary
AB 1058	Beall	Support (State Update: 6/5/09)	Would exempt motor vehicles from the CalWORKs eligibility asset test, eliminate the asset limits for CalWORKs recipients, and allow CalWORKs applicants to retain savings of up to \$2,000 with annual adjustments based on changes in the California Needs Index. Current law restricts the amount of liquid assets for CalWORKs applicants and recipients to \$2,000 and limits the exempt value of a vehicle a CalWORKs family may own to no more than \$4,650.	Senate Appropriations

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AB 1139	J. Pérez	Oppose (State Update: 4/24/09)	Would make various changes to existing law regarding the State Enterprise Zone Program, including: 1) eliminating retroactive tax credit vouchering; 2) canceling the use of the Targeted Employment Area and Targeted Tax Area residency as an employee eligibility criteria; 3) requiring the eligible employee to work a minimum of 35 hours per week and be provided with at least 80 percent of specified health care coverage by the employer; and 4) adding annual reporting requirements for Enterprise Zone businesses.	Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy
AB 1141	Calderon	Oppose (State Update: 3/31/09)	Would make various changes to existing law regarding single-use carryout bags, including: 1) extending the sunset date, which prohibits local governments from imposing a fee on paper and plastic carryout bags from 2013 to 2017; 2) prohibiting local governments from banning or restricting plastic and paper carryout bags; 3) redefining reusable bags to include lighter weight plastic carryout bags; and 4) requiring plastic bag manufacturers to pay a single-use bag extended producer responsibility fee, in an undetermined amount, for each single-use carryout bag it sells to a store.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 1187	Huffman, Caballero	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,035 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and water source protection programs, and require the establishment and imposition of a fee on water users.	Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife
AB 1409	J. Pérez	Oppose unless amended to delete the definitions of day labor and force account and allow the County flexibility in procuring labor. (State Update: 6/12/09)	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to define day labor as non-permanent, part-time, or temporary employees who are not represented by a collective bargaining unit and "force account" as full-time or permanent county employees, or part-time or temporary employees who are represented by a collective bargaining unit.	Senate Transportation and Housing
		Oppose (State Update: 4/30/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have revised the provision in existing law, which authorizes work on county highways to be done by purchasing the material and having the work done by force account (county employees) or by day labor, to require a county to solicit bids for the project. If a board of supervisors passes a resolution with a finding that either no bids were received or all of the bids exceeded the cost of having the work performed by force account or day labor, then a county may use its employees or day labor.	

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AB 1445	Chesbro	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would authorize Medi-Cal reimbursement for a maximum of two visits for one patient on the same day. It would ensure payment for individuals who visit a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or a Rural Health Clinic (RHC), and are referred for an appointment with a clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, dentist or dental hygienist. FQHCs and RHCs are providers in medically underserved areas entitled to receive enhanced reimbursements under Federal Medicaid and Medicare statutes.	Senate Health
AJR 9	J. Pérez	Support (State Update: 3/16/09)	Would urge the Congress and President of the United States to enact legislation that would provide for a three-year extension of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, from its current sunset on September 30, 2009 to September 30, 2012.	Resolution Chaptered 57 of 2009
SB 16	Alan Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would: 1) make the State's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) refundable for low-income housing projects that have received a preliminary allocation of LIHTC on or after July 1, 2008 and before January 1, 2011; and 2) extend the allocation of tax credits to partners regardless of their percentage interest in a project which received a preliminary allocation of LIHTC during calendar year 2008.	Senate Appropriations
SB 23	Padilla	Support (Board Action: 3/24/09)	Would require the operator of a mobile home park or manufactured housing community to develop and implement an emergency and fire safety plan, and provide appropriate emergency services training for park or community managers and on-site staff. The bill also would require the plan to be posted in manner accessible to all residents and to distribute copies to each resident upon approval of tenancy and annually thereafter.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
SB 29	Denham	Oppose (State Update: 2/27/09)	Would: 1) require the California Science Center to sell the parcel of land that the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena (Sports Arena) occupy, and the State's share of the Sports Arena structure; 2) rescind the agreement that established the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission; and 3) upon the completion of the sale, terminate the Joint Powers Authority among the County, City of Los Angeles, and the California Science Center.	Senate Governmental Organization

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SB 93	Kehoe	No Position (State Update: 5/21/09)	NOW: requires that a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) determine that for proposed activity within a project area, the public facility or land acquisition is of benefit to the project area and that it will help to eliminate blight. For projects outside a project area, the CRA must find the land or public facilities are of primary benefit to the project area, help to eliminate blight, or directly assist in the provision of housing for low or moderate-income housing. Because SB 93 would no longer strengthen the blight findings requirement to prevent development abuse, support was removed and no position is taken.  Support (State Update: 3/16/09)	Assembly Local Government
			PREVIOUSLY: Would have required that before a redevelopment agency can pay for public works either inside or outside a project area, the agency's legislative body must make new findings of blight in a project area to spend money on a public facility inside the project area and certify that the public facility would remove blight. SB 93 would strengthen the provisions of current redevelopment law by adding further restrictions to the manner in which a redevelopment agency can spend diverted taxes.	
SB 113	Senate Local Gov Omnibus	One County-sponsored provision included (State Updates: 4/10/09 and 6/11/09)	SB 113 is the Senate Local Government Omnibus bill, which contains three provisions supported by the County: 1) a provision to authorize a County Board of Supervisors to form a School Facilities Improvement District in an individual school district; 2) revisions to the Public Contract Code to align the requirements for County Waterworks Districts to contract for non-construction related work with the contracting requirements for County government to perform similar work; and 3) revisions to the Water Code, which would allow County Waterworks Districts to advance water reliability projects and water system facility construction.	Assembly Local Government
SB 114	Liu	Support (State Update: 3/27/09)	Would create a simplified process to allow former foster youth to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility until age 21.	Senate Appropriations
SB 152	Cox	Support (State Update: 4/30/09)	Would require the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) to send a reimbursement claim to the State Controller's Office within 90 days after the receipt of a reimbursement claim from any fee-for-service county contractor for mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The 90-day timeframe would not apply to claims in the SDMH's dispute resolution process or to claims that have been returned for additional information or necessary changes.	Assembly Health

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SB 179	Runner	County-sponsored	NOW: Was amended to delete language which would allow the Termination of Parental Rights order to automatically take effect 180 days after the order.	Assembly Judiciary
			PREVIOUSLY: Would streamline the appeals process for Termination of Parental Rights and promote the placement of children in adoptive homes by: 1) reducing the time period for a birth parent to file an appeal from 60 days to 30 days when the Juvenile Court orders the Termination of Parental Rights; 2) modifying the current process of serving the Termination of Parental Rights to birth parents by allowing the notice of termination and appeal rights documents to be served directly to the birth parents if they are present in court when the order is made; and 3) allowing the Termination of Parental Rights order to automatically take effect 180 days after the order is issued.	
SB 282	Wright	Oppose unless amended to remove the five-year limitation on criminal gang injunctions (Board Action: 5/12/09)	Would authorize a gang nuisance injunction issued under the Penal or Civil Code to be in effect for no longer than five years	Assembly Public Safety
SB 301	Florez	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Water Supply Reliability and Ecosystem Recovery Restoration Act of 2009, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and ecosystem recovery and restoration programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 337	Alquist	No Position (State Update: 4/24/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 22, 2009 to delete the Medi-Cal provisions. The bill now relates to the reporting requirements by a clinic, health facility, home health agency, or licensed hospice provider when law enforcement is investigating unlawful access to medical records.	Assembly Appropriations
		Support (State Update: 3/6/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed current State law which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children and reinstitute 12-month continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age. This change is necessary to ensure that the State qualifies to receive the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. AB 23, SBX3 26, and SB 337 have been introduced as potential vehicles to repeal the semi-annual reporting requirement in order for the State to be eligible to receive additional FMAP funding.	

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SB 371	Cogdill	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2009, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.98 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water reliability and water source protection programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 456	Wolk	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.805 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and water source protection programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 531	DeSaunier	No Position (State Update: 4/24/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 16, 2009 to delete existing objectionable provisions of the bill and instead provide guidance to plastic bag manufacturers on the development of educational materials for plastic carryout bags.	Assembly Natural Resources
Oppose (State Update: 3/31/09)			PREVIOUSLY: Would have made various changes to existing law regarding single-use carryout bags, including: 1) extending the sunset date, which prohibits local governments from imposing a fee on paper and plastic carryout bags from 2013 to 2018; 2) prohibiting local governments from banning or restricting plastic and paper carryout bags; 3) requiring plastic bag manufacturers to pay the State one-tenth of one cent (\$0.001) for each plastic carryout bag supplied to large supermarkets with a minimum annual gross of \$2 million and retail stores with a minimum of 10,000 square feet with a pharmacy; and 4) requiring the fees collected to be used for litter abatement activities.	
SB 600	Padilla	Support (Board Action: 6/16/09)	Would impose an additional tax on cigarettes of \$1.50 per pack, and an equivalent tax on other tobacco products. It would provide that 85 percent of the revenues from the tax be transferred into a newly created Tobacco Tax General Fund Account and 15 percent be transferred to the Tobacco Control and Lung Cancer Research Account to fund the tobacco control provisions of the bill. SB 600 also would require the State Board of Equalization (BOE) to adjust the tax rate to reflect any changes in the California Consumer Price Index.	Senate Revenue and Taxation

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SB 696	Wright	Oppose unless amended to remove the broad and categorical California Environmental Quality Act exemption for the Southern California Air Quality Management District. (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would overturn the superior court decision in <i>Natural Resources Defense Council v. South Coast Air Quality Management District</i> (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2007, No. BS 110792), exempt future South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) rule changes from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and authorize the SCAQMD to allow profit-making power plants access to air emission credits previously reserved for government and exempt entities.	Senate Environmental Quality
SB 698	Negrete McLeod	Support (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would change the allocation formula for juvenile court schools from the Average Daily Attendance to an enrollment-based model. Under the proposed daily enrollment model, the funding allocation would be based on a daily count of wards of the court in placement at a facility with a juvenile court school.	Senate Appropriations
SB 712	Padilla	Support (State Update: 5/22/09)	Would designate the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) as the lead agency responsible for overseeing a Statewide 211 service network. Designation of a lead agency would make California eligible to receive Federal funding to help develop the 211 system Statewide under pending Federal legislation. SB 712 also authorizes CHHSA to delegate the lead agency function to another entity, which may be non-governmental.	Senate Appropriations
SB 735	Steinberg	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.785 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance a water supply reliability and water source protection program and authorize the Department of Water Resources to impose fees on water users.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 773	Florez, Steinberg	Oppose (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would increase the permanent partial disability benefits for workers injured on or after January 1, 2010, by revising the formula for computing payments for those permanently injured.	Senate Appropriations
SB 797	Pavley	Support (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would prohibit the commercial manufacture, sale, or distribution of any bottle or cup, or any liquid, food, or beverage in a can or jar, containing Bisphenol-A at a level above 0.1 parts per billion, of the product is intended primarily for children three years of age or younger.	Assembly Health
SB 815	Cogdill	Support (Board Action: 5/12/09)	Would establish the California National Guard Education Assistance Program, for qualifying members who have served for at least two years.	Assembly Higher Education

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SB 816	Ducheny	Support (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would: 1) expand the list of State and local agencies to which an assessor is required to disclose information to include a county recorder when an investigation is being conducted to determine whether a documentary transfer tax is due; 2) allow a county board of supervisors to include an administrative appeals process for resolution of disputes related to the documentary transfer tax in an ordinance imposing such a tax; 3) require corporations or other legal entities to file a change in ownership statement within 45 days from the earlier of the date of the change in ownership or the date of a written request by the State Board of Equalization, or be faced with a penalty; and 4) eliminate the State Board of Equalization's existing authority to waive penalties.	Assembly Appropriations
SBX3 24	Alquist	Support (State Update: 3/18/09)	Would suspend existing State law which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age and temporarily reinstate 12-month continuous eligibility. This change is necessary to ensure that the State receives funding from the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The FMAP increase is available until December 31, 2010. The suspension of the semi-annual reporting requirement would remain in effect until the Director of the California Department of Health Care Services declares that increased FMAP funds are no longer available. Upon the declaration, semi-annual reporting would resume until July 1, 2012, and the current sunset date to repeal this requirement would be extended from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013, unless a later statute is enacted to delete or extend that date.	Chapter 24 of 2009
SBX3 26	Alquist	No Position 5/11/09)	Senate Rules	NOW: Was amended on April 16, 2009 to delete the Medi-Cal provisions.